

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming
Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 15-2666 (JNE/FLN)

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**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND
JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

PLAINTIFF(S)

BRITT SHELTON

VS.

**3M COMPANY AND ARIZANT
HEALTHCARE, INC.**

1. Plaintiff, BRITT SHELTON, states and brings this civil action in MDL No. 15-2666, entitled *In Re: Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming Products Liability Litigation*. Plaintiff(s) [is/are] filing this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Pretrial Order #8 of this Court.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Plaintiff, BRITT SHELTON, is a resident and citizen of the State of TEXAS and claims damages as set forth below.

3. Jurisdiction is proper based upon diversity of Citizenship.

4. Proper Venue: The District Court in which remand trial is proper and where this Complaint would have been filed absent the direct filing order by this Court is TARRANT COUNTY, TX.

5. Plaintiff brings this action [*check the applicable designation*]:

X

On behalf of [himself/herself];

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. On or about JULY 2014, Plaintiff underwent surgery during which the Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming system (hereinafter “Bair Hugger”) was used during the course and scope of [his/her] surgery at the TEXAS HEALTH HARRIS METHODIST HOSPITAL [medical center and address], in FORT WORTH, TX [city and state], by Dr. THEODORE CROFFORD.

7. Contaminants introduced into Plaintiff’s open surgical wound as a direct and proximate result of use of the Bair Hugger during the subject surgery resulted in Plaintiff developing a periprosthetic joint infection (“PJI”), also known as a deep joint infection (“DJI”).

8. As a result of Plaintiff’s infection caused by the Bair Hugger, Plaintiff has undergone MULTIPLE REVISIONS [Describe treatment(s) received, e.g., revision arthroplasty, wound vac treatment, multiple staged procedures, etc.] on or about AUGUST 2014, at TEXAS HEALTH HARRIS METHODIST HOSPITAL [medical center(s) and address(es)] by Dr(s). THEODORE CROFFORD. [Cross out if not applicable.]

ALLEGATIONS AS TO INJURIES

9. (a) Plaintiff claims damages as a result of (check all that are applicable):

X

INJURY TO HERSELF/HIMSELF

INJURY TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED

WRONGFUL DEATH

SURVIVORSHIP ACTION

X

ECONOMIC LOSS

(b) Plaintiff's spouse claims damages as a result of (check all that are applicable): [*Cross out if not applicable.*]

LOSS OF SERVICES

LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

10. Defendants, by their actions or inactions, proximately caused the injuries to Plaintiff(s).

DEFENDANT-SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY

11. The following claims and allegations are asserted by Plaintiff(s) and are herein adopted by reference (check all that are applicable):

X

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION - NEGLIGENCE;

X

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION - STRICT LIABILITY;

X

FAILURE TO WARN

X

DEFECTIVE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE

X

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION – BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY;

X

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION- BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY LAW OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, §§ ;

X

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION- VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA PREVENTION OF CONSUMER FRAUD ACT;

X

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION – VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT;

X

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION- VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICES ACT;

X

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION- VIOLATION OF THE

MINNESOTA FALSE ADVERTISING ACT;

X

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION- CONSUMER FRAUD
AND/OR UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES
UNDER LAW OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,
____ §§ _____ ;

X

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION – NEGLIGENT
MISREPRESENTATION;

X

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION- FRAUDULENT
MISREPRESENTATION;

X

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION – FRAUDULENT
CONCEALMENT;

THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION – LOSS OF
CONSORTIUM; and

X

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION – UNJUST
ENRICHMENT.

In addition to the above, Plaintiff(s) assert the following additional causes of action
under applicable state law:

_____.

[Cross out if not applicable.]

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages;
2. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
3. Statutory damages and relief of the state whose laws will govern this action;
4. Costs and expenses of this litigation;

5. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as provided by law;
6. Equitable relief in the nature of disgorgement;
7. Restitution of remedy Defendants' unjust enrichment; and
8. All other relief as the Court deems necessary, just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury as to all claims in Complaint so triable.

Dated: Jun 30, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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